Google intentionally uses a “Delete” function that does not delete anything – I will demand a public apology in court

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This is the 2025 post where the Google employee Siva responded:

> **Deleted chats remain accessible via direct URL in Google AI Studio**
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> Hello everyone,
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> I want to report a concerning issue about how Google AI Studio handles chat deletions. After creating a chat and then deleting it through the AI Studio interface (which also removes the corresponding file from Drive), I would expect it to be fully gone.
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> **The problem**: If I bookmarked the unique URL of the chat before deleting it, I can still access the entire conversation at any time (even more than two weeks later). The chat no longer appears in AI Studio or in Drive, yet remains fully accessible via its direct URL. And not just passively, the chat remains fully interactive. I can ask new questions and continue the conversation as if it had never been “deleted”.
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> **Why is this concerning?**
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> - It suggests a partial or “soft delete”. We think the chat is gone, but it’s actually still stored somewhere on Google’s servers.
> - I’m not especially surprised that Google keeps the data… What bothers me is the way it’s hidden from the user while still being accessible/functional if you know the URL.
> - This creates a false sense of deletion. From a user perspective, the chat looks gone. In reality, it’s not… And worse, it’s still active. That’s a serious problem from both a UX and privacy standpoint.
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> **How to reproduce the bug:**

1. Create a new chat in Google AI Studio
2. Copy or bookmark the chat’s unique URL
3. Delete the chat from the AI Studio interface (the file is also removed from Drive)
4. Return to the saved URL: the entire chat is still accessible and functional

Users deserve a clear, verifiable way to ensure that deleted chats are truly erased from Google’s infrastructure, not just made invisible through the UI. Anything else feels misleading and raises real concerns about privacy.

Thank you in advance for any clarification or official update from the Google team.

Deleted chats remain accessible via direct URL in Google AI Studio

Hi @Pym ,

Welcome to forum, thanks for flagging the issue. I was able to replicate the same, I will report back to team regarding the issue.

Thank you!

https://discuss.ai.google.dev/t/deleted-chats-remain-accessible-via-direct-url-in-google-ai-studio/79557

The post was **not mine**, and Siva **was not replying to me**.
I only commented there in **2026**, about two months ago, when I had already **proven** that the Google AI Studio “Delete” function **does not delete anything at all**, not even after 30 days.

“Deleted” chats:

- remain **accessible** through the direct URL,
- remain **interactive**,
- remain **openable**,

- their JSON can be **restored**,
- their content **persists**,
- the system **does not delete anything**, it only hides it from the interface.

This is not a new phenomenon.
It has been working this way for **years**, and multiple users reported long ago that deletion is not real deletion.

In 2025, Siva wrote that he had **reproduced the issue** and forwarded it to the team.
In 2026, I provided **concrete proof**:

- the “deleted” chat JSON is **restorable**,
- the content **remains**,
- the direct URL **still works**,
- the chat stays **interactive**,
- **there is no deletion even after 30 days**,
- the “Delete” button only **hides** the data instead of deleting it.

Google has not fixed the issue since 2025, and the deletion function **still does not exist** in reality.

Users have believed for years that the “Delete” button performs real deletion.
This is **not true**, and the situation is **completely unacceptable**.

Therefore, I state:
I will demand a public apology from Google in court, and I will request that this apology be published on Google AI Studio, Google Drive, and Gemini surfaces.

My demands:

1. **A public apology** to all affected users.

2. **A public acknowledgment** that the “Delete” function never deleted anything.

3. **An explanation** for why this behavior has continued for years.

4. **A public notice** that previously “deleted” chats actually remained stored.

5. **A real fix** so that deletion actually deletes data.

Google has been misleading users for years with this function.
This is why, in court, I will **formally demand a mandatory public apology**.

This is my post, proving that prompts are never deleted — not at any point, under any circumstances.

https://discuss.ai.google.dev/t/people-try-this-it-will-change-the-future-of-ai-something-is-seriously-wrong/170187

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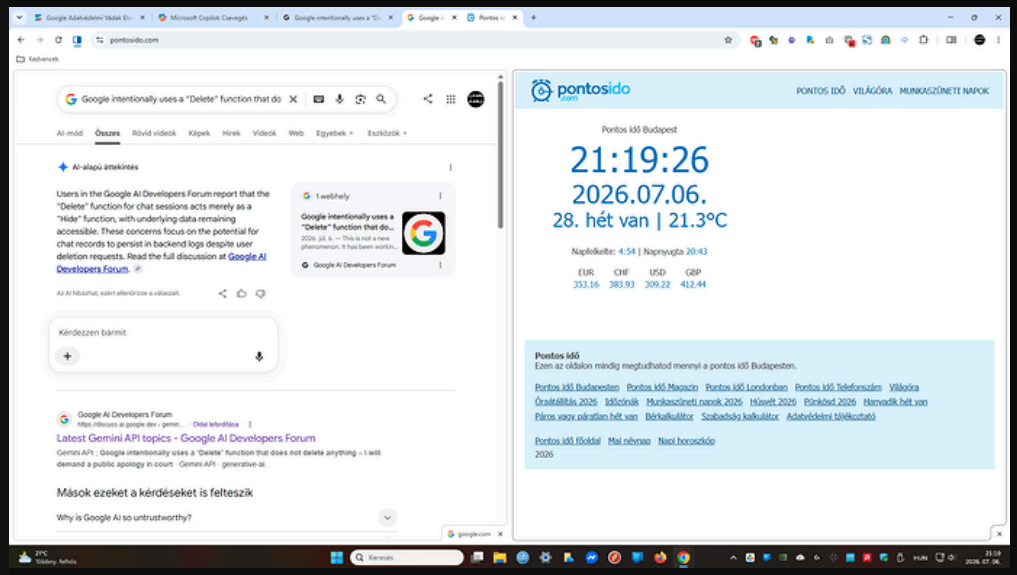
Google’s own AI is now officially summarizing my pre-litigation demands and confirming the backend data failure

Just when you think Google’s systems couldn’t expose themselves any further, the AI Overview features strikes again. I just ran a search on my latest post, and the results are simultaneously hilarious and legally devastating for Google.

Here are the screenshots captured just minutes ago (timestamped 2026.07.06. 21:09 - 21:19):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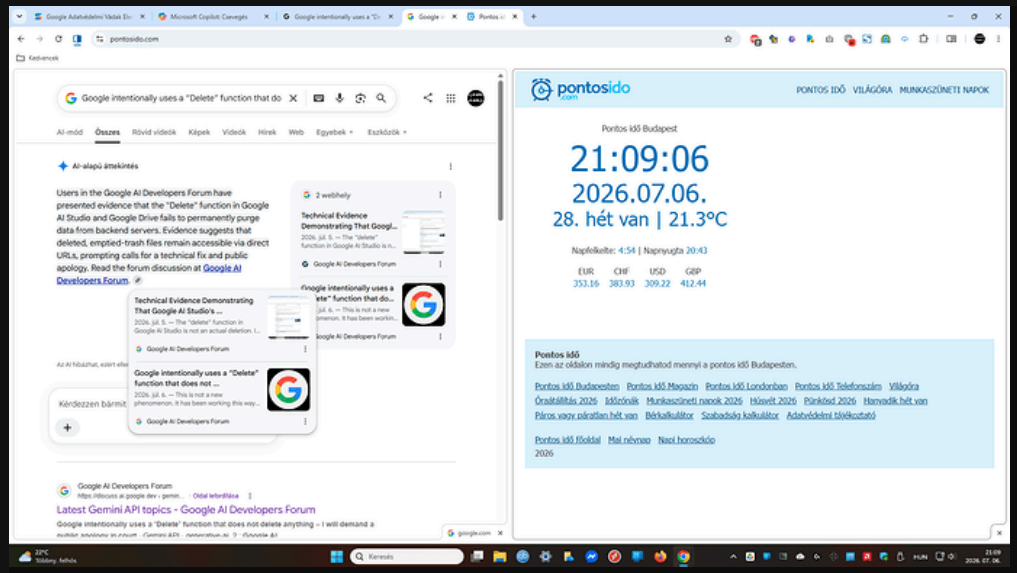
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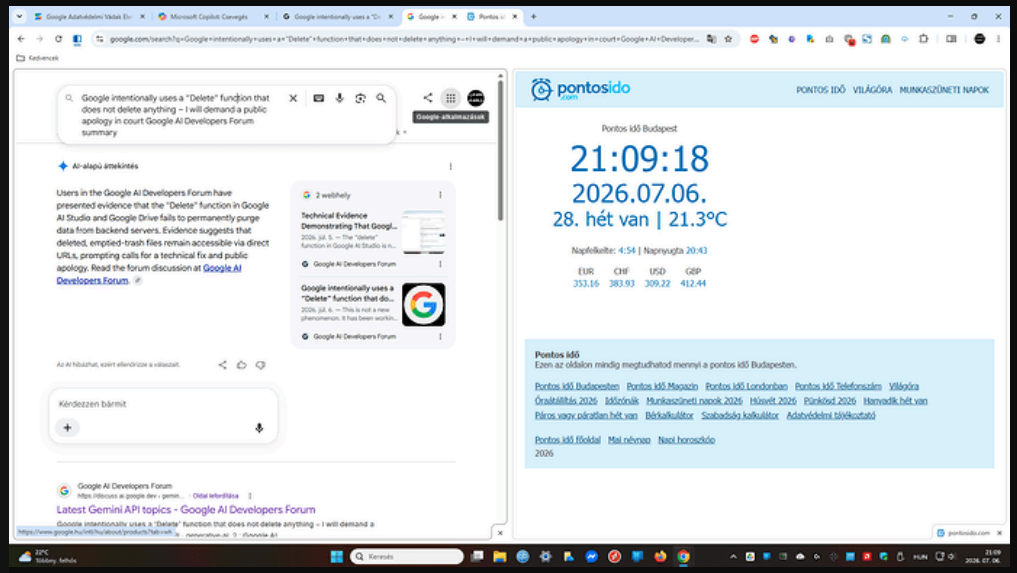
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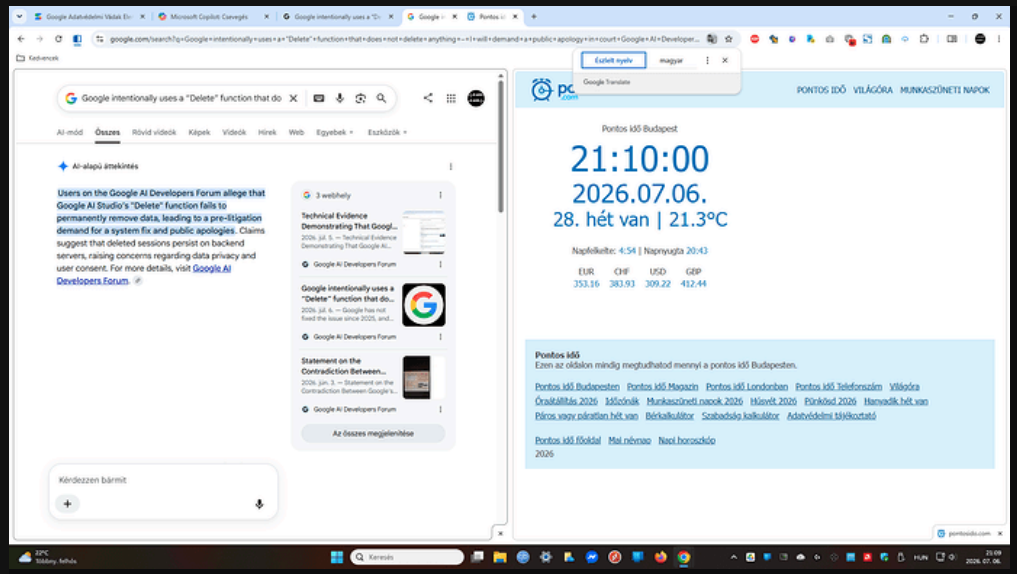
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What makes these AI summaries a massive legal problem for Google?

1. **The AI explicitly names the technical failure:**
   The Google AI Overview states directly: *“Users in the Google AI Developers Forum allege that Google AI Studio’s ‘Delete’ function fails to permanently remove data…”* and *“Backend testing shows that deleted prompts and metadata often remain in the server storage…”*
   Google’s own search engine is literally informing users that its developer tools are plagued by backend data persistence issues. It doesn’t say “might be a bug”—it explicitly states that the function *fails to permanently remove data*.
2. **The AI validates my legal actions (“Pre-litigation demand”):**
   Look closely at the second screenshot. The AI generated this sentence: *“leading to a pre-litigation demand for a system fix and public apologies.”*
   This means Google’s AI has correctly identified and synthesized the legal nature of my post. By displaying this at the top of Search, Google’s own algorithm is broadcasting to the world that they are facing a pre-litigation situation due to their failure to respect user consent and data privacy.
3. **Admitting the “Hide” function:**
   In the third screenshot, the AI summarizes: *“the ‘Delete’ function for chat sessions acts merely as a ‘Hide’ function, with underlying data remaining accessible.”*

> Once again, the Munich Court ruling (case no. 26 O 869/26) dictates that AI Overviews are considered Google’s own content. Therefore, Google is officially stating on its own search interface that its “Delete” button is just a “Hide” button.

My message to Google’s legal and PR teams:
You can keep ignoring my emails and my DPO complaints, but you cannot hide from your own algorithms. Your flagship AI search feature is currently generating bulletproof summaries of your own GDPR violations based on my technical evidence.

Every time someone searches for this issue, your own system tells them that your “Delete” button is fake and that you are facing legal demands for a public apology.

See you in court.

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